

Licence Suspension

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To get free legal information call 1300 366 611, drop into our Hobart or Launceston office (no appointment necessary) or use the Legal Talk chat function on our website. We are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

A lawyer can listen to your story and help identify the next steps you can take.

You have options if your driving licence has been suspended because of demerit points.

What is a “period of good behaviour”?

If you have had your licence suspended because you have exceeded the number of demerit points on your licence and you hold a full licence (not a learner or probationary licence) then you can apply for a period of good behaviour.

This means:

- You can continue to drive on your full licence
- The period of good behaviour runs for 12 months
- You cannot receive any more than 1 demerit point for 12 months

How do I apply for a period of good behaviour?

When you receive the Notice of Demerit Point Suspension attached to that will be a period of good behaviour application form if you are eligible to apply. You must apply for a period of good behaviour before the suspension period starts. You must not drive if your licence suspension date has started, and you have not received a period of good behaviour approval. You will receive either an approval or refusal in writing. If you have not received confirmation of either an approval or refusal in relation to your application contact **Service Tasmania** on 1300 135 513.

What happens if I loose more demerit points?

If during the 12 months you are on good behaviour you receive any more than 1 demerit point, your licence will be suspended for twice the amount of time that was imposed on the original suspension notice. For example, if your licence was suspended for 6 months and you then applied for a period of good behaviour and then received more than 1 demerit point for speeding during that time, your licence would be suspended for 12 months.

What happens if my licence expires during my period of good behaviour?

If your licence is due to be renewed during your good behaviour period, you still need to renew your licence as you normally would.

This is written for people who live in or who are affected by the laws of Tasmania, Australia. The law changes all the time – this information is not legal advice. If you have a legal problem, you should talk to a lawyer before making a decision about what to do.